

5 a top wall extending beyond the side walls to define
6 a flange extending along the side wall toward the
7 rearward and forward ends of the side walls; and
8 retainers at the side walls and spaced from the
9 flange for receiving the edges therebetween, each
10 retainer having a rearward end located toward the
11 rearward end of the side wall, a forward end located
12 toward the forward end of the side wall, and an outer
13 side facing away from the side wall, wherein each
14 retainer is beveled at its rearward end such that the
15 rearward end of the retainer slopes outwardly in a
16 direction toward the forward end of the retainer from the
17 side wall to the outer side of the retainer to define a
18 rearward camming surface.

1 4. (amended) A housing according to claim 3
2 wherein the vertical camming surface has [an increasing]
3 a non-constant slope.

1 11. (amended) A housing for installation in a
2 window frame having a window sash with a notch defining a
3 pair of opposed edges, the housing comprising:
4 side walls each having rearward and forward ends;
5 a top wall extending beyond the side walls to define
6 a flange extending along the side wall toward the
7 rearward and forward ends of the side walls; and
8 retainers at the side walls, each retainer having a
9 lip and spaced from the flange for receiving the edges
10 therebetween, each retainer having a rearward end located
11 toward the rearward end of the side walls and a forward
12 end located toward the forward end of the side walls,
13 wherein each retainer is beveled at its rearward end such
14 that the rearward end of the retainer slopes outwardly in
15 a direction toward the forward end of the retainer from
16 the side wall to the lip to define a rearward camming
17 surface.

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1 *10* 15. (amended) A housing according to claim [9] *11* *16*
2 further comprising a bottom wall and a retainer
3 projecting from the bottom wall near a front edge of the
4 bottom wall.

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1 *21* 19. (amended) A window sash assembly comprising:
2 a sash having a header rail and a stile joined at a
3 corner and having an opening in the sash; and
4 a tilt latch disposed in the opening including a
5 housing having side walls each with rearward and forward
6 ends, a rear wall, and a bottom wall; a top wall
7 extending beyond the side walls and the rear wall to
8 define a flange extending along the side wall toward the
9 rearward and forward ends of the side walls; [and a
10 retainer] retainers projecting from [each of] the side
11 walls, each retainer having an engagement surface spaced
12 from the flange to define respective gaps for receiving
13 one of the edges therebetween, each retainer having a
14 rearward end located toward the rearward end of the side
15 wall, a forward end located toward the forward end of the
16 side wall and an outer side facing away from the side
17 wall, wherein each retainer is flared to define a
18 vertical camming surface and each retainer is beveled at
19 its rearward end such that the rearward end of the
20 retainer slopes outwardly in a direction toward the
21 forward end of the retainer from the side wall to the
22 outer side of the retainer to define a rearward camming
23 surface; and a bolt movably disposed in the housing and
24 adapted for engaging a slide channel.

C Please add new claims 20-22 in the following manner:

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1 *10* 20. (new) A housing according to claim 1, wherein
2 at least two of the retainers project from each of the
3 side walls.

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20 21. (new) A housing according to claim 10, wherein
2 at least two of the retainers project from each of the
3 side walls.

21 22. (new) A housing according to claim 19, wherein
2 at least two of the retainers project from each of the
3 side walls.

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REMARKS

Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiners for the courteous interview extended on April 27, 1999. The claims have been amended as discussed at the interview and described in more detail hereinbelow,

Claims 1-19 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 5,669,180 in view of Bright (U.S. Patent No. 4,074,465). The Examiner stated that "the subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows: a retaining flange having a camming surface".

The present invention as now defined by amended claims 1, 10 and 19, and claims dependent therefrom, is not fully disclosed in the '180 patent in view of Bright as discussed in more detail hereinbelow with regard to the § 102(b) rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,829,196 in view of Bright (U.S. Patent No. 4,074,465). The Examiner stated that "the subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows: a retaining flange having a camming surface".